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SUBJ: BELGRADE NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE: TUNISIA VIEWS NAM
PHILOSOPHY AND ORGANIZATION; THE MIDDLE EAST ITEM

1. OVER DRINKS LATE JULY 24, TUNISIAN UN PERMREP MESTIRI
TOLD USUN OFFICER THAT TUNISIA HAD BEEN DISAPPOINTED IN
THE "LACK OF SUPPORT" BY INDIA AND YUGOSLAVIA FOR THE
"MODERATE" POSITION AFTER THE "TERRIBLE" NAM MEETING IN
HAVANA. MESTIRI SAID THAT, FOLLOWING HAVANA, TUNISIA AND THE
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IVORY COAST, "REPRESENTING THE MODERATES", HAD DRAFTED
A PAPER SUGGESTING RESTRICTIONS ON THE ROLE AND POWER OF
THE NON-ALIGNED COORDINATING BUREAU (NACB) AND ITS CHAIRMAN
DESIGNED TO PREVENT THE CUBANS FROM REPEATING THEIR
"AUTOCRATIC" PERFORMANCE IN HAVANA. INDIA AND
YUGOSLAVIA, MESTIRI SAID, HAD "SOWED THEIR TRUE COLORS" BY
REFUSING TO ASSOCIATE THEMSELVES WITH THE PAPER. THE

IVORY COAST, MESTIRI SAID, HAD NONETHELESS CONTINUED TO PUSH THE IDEA OF RESTRICTING THE ROLE OF THE NACB AND ITS CHAIRMAN AMONG DELEGATIONS AT THE KHARTOUM SUMMIT BUT AGAIN HAD FOUND INSUFFICIENT SUPPORT. MESTIRI FOUND THIS WORRISOME SINCE, IN HIS VIEW, THE KEY TO THE PROBLEM NOW FACING THE NAM WAS NOT IN WRANGLING OVER THE IDEOLOGICAL SLANT OF NAM DOCUMENTS; IT WAS IN FORCING SOLID STRUCTURAL REFORMS IN THE NAM. IT WAS HERE THAT MESTIRI HOPED FOR PROGRESS AT BELGRADE. THE INDONESIANS AND THE MALAYSIANS, HE SAID, HAD MADE A PROPOSAL TO EXPAND THE NACB AND THIS PROPOSAL SEEMED TO BE GAINING MORE SUPPORT THAN PROPOSALS FOR MORE DRASTIC REVISIONS ON THE NACB. (COMMENT: WE BELIEVE THIS IS A BUM RAP FOR THE YUGOSLAVS, WHO CLEARLY ALSO WISH TO FIND SOME WAY TO LIMIT CUBA'S ABILITY TO EXPLOIT ITS ROLE AS NACB COORDINATOR AFTER HAVANA. WE SUSPECT THAT THE YUGOSLAV OPPOSITION TO THE TUNISIANS APPROACH WAS BASED ON TACTICAL CONSIDERATIONS AND NOT ON DIFFERING OBJECTIVES. WHAT MAY HAVE SEEMED "MODERATE" TO THE TUNISIANS IN THIS INSTANCE MAY HAVE APPEARED TO THE YUGOSLAVS AS RUNNING TOO CLOSE A RISK OF COUNTERPRODUCTIVE CONFRONTATION WITH THE CUBANS).

2. MESTIRI ALSO HOPED THAT BELGRADE WOULD DEAL DEFINITELY WITH THE NATURE OF CONSENSUS IN THE NAM AND IN OTHER WAYS PROVIDE SOME SOLID CHECKS AND BALANCES OVER THE NACB AND ITS CHAIRMAN. HE ALSO URGED THAT "DO-NOTHINGS" IN THE NACB LIKE "NIGERIA, CHAD, AND ZAIRE" CEDE THEIR PLACES TO
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"MORE FORCEFUL MODERATES, LIKE THE IVORY COAST". REGARDING THE CURRENT DIVISIONS BETWEEN YUGOSLAVIA AND CUBA, MESTIRI SAID THAT "EVERYBODY" SAYS THAT THE YUGOSLAVS HAVE STRUCK A DEAL WITH THE CUBANS, AT LEAST IN GENERAL TERMS, AND THAT IF THE CUBANS DON'T ATTACK THE YUGOSLAV DRAFT THEN THE ANGOLANS AND MOZAMBIKANS AND ALGERIANS WON'T EITHER.

3. MIDDLE EAST. MESTIRI SAID THAT THE IRAQIS HAVE TOTALLY REDRAFTED THE YUGOSLAV DRAFT DECLARATION ON THE MIDDLE EAST. THERE IS "ONE CONDEMNATION" OF THE UNITED STATES BY NAME IN THE IRAQI DRAFT BUT THAT "COULD PRHAPS BE STRUCK." MESTIRI DID NOT PREDICT WHETHER OR NOT "THE MODERATES" COULD KEEP THE ZIONISM/RACISM ISSUE OUT OF THE FINAL DECLARATION. CERTAINLY THERE WERE STRONG PRESSURES TO INSERT IT. MESTIRI SAID HE WAS DELIGHTED WHEN HE HEARD THAT THE SAUDI ARABIANS WOULD BE ATTENDING THE BELGRADE CONFERENCE. THEY HAD BEEN, HE SAID, "ABSOLUTELY GREAT" IN COLOMBO, FACING DOWN RADICAL INITIATIVES WITH GREAT COURAGE AND DECISIVENESS. THE KEY TO BELGRADE'S HANDLING OF THE MIDDLE EAST ITEM, MESTIRI SAID, WOULD BE THE SAUDIS. IF THE SAUDIS REFUSE TO COUNTENANCE CRITICISMS OF EGYPT, THEY WILL CARRY THE GULF STATES WITH THEM AND THEY

WILL EMBOLDEN ARAB STATES "LIKE MOROCCO AND TUNISIA
TO STAND ALONGSIDE THEM, FORCING COMPROMISES FROM SYRIA
AND IRAQ (WHO, MESTIRI NOTED, COULD NOT IGNORE THE POWER OF
THE SAUDI PURSE).
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